

MINUTES  
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
July 2, 2007

**Call to Order:** Mr. Price called the meeting to order. Rev. Mitchell gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Approval of Agenda:** The Board approved the agenda unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period:** Mr. Price welcomed the visitors: Dr. Gary Burgess, Maurice Lopez, and Mr. Dibanyo of the Powdersville Post.

**Budget Discussion:** Mr. Nimmer passed out a millage comparison worksheet and a copy of the spreadsheet Mr. Draisen created which Mr. Nimmer filled in with the May 21<sup>st</sup> assessment totals. Included were calculations used to determine Maintenance of Effort. Also included in the materials distributed was the cover letter from District One who had not yet provided their notebook due to further calculations on the EIA figures. It was established that even though their figures were not completed, their budget would stay the same as proposed.

A discussion of the budgets for Districts One through Five ensued. Mr. Price suggested that next year it would be helpful if representatives from each District be present at the budget discussion meeting to answer questions before the budgets were actually voted on.

The Board agreed to seek Mr. Richard Thompson's advice on whether or not it would be legal to pass a budget with an anticipated 8 mills increase when the State millage cap was calculated at 6.7 mills. Mr. Nimmer stated that the State Attorney General said Maintenance of Effort requirements were still in effect. He explained that Act 388 says you can only raise millage a certain amount as a percentage. The law still allows the County Board to increase millage of whatever the lesser amount is within Act 388, which does address the local taxing authority and how far they can go.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Draisen, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education  
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.